(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to stop smuggling on the borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the rampant smuggling in the Indo-Bangladesh border. From time to time involvement of few jawans of BSF in smuggling activities have come to notice of the Government. Since 2003, 115 cases of BSF personnel have come to our notice. Strict disciplinary action are taken against those who are found guilty after enquiry.

To check smuggling on the border, the following steps have been taken;

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;

(ii) Conduct of special operations;

(iii) Upgradation of intelligence network;

(iv) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties; and

(v) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads.

Thuraya satellite phones with terrorists

†2431. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Thuraya satellite phones have been found with terrorists during an encounter with them in March, 2005 and a few days before that in Delhi whose messages cannot be intercepted in India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that terrorists are easily bringing Thuraya telephone sets from Pakistan to India; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by Government to check this and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) In an encounter with three terrorists in Delhi on 5th March, 2005, one Thuraya Satellite/GSM phone was recovered.

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(b) There have been instances when terrorists have used Thuraya sets in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) In order to curb such activities, the Government has pursued a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technolgy, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States.

Blockade on NH-53 by insurgents

2432. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manipur's Capital Imphal remains cut off for almost a month due to blockade of NH-53 connecting Silchar with Imphal by insurgents;

(b) whether the Centre has commissioned the Army to take control of the 200 km stretch on NH-53 now under siege by insurgents and to provide escort to supply vehicles; and

(c) how soon normalcy is expected in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Economic blockade was declared on NH-39 and NH-53 by All Naga Students' Association, Manipur (ANSAM) from the intervening night of June 19/20, 2005.

(b) and (c) According to the Government of Manipur, after strengthening of bridge on NH-53, sustained/regular movement of vehicles is continuing. As per the press release, jointly issued by Naga Students' Federation (NSF) and ANSAM, economic blockade on NH-39 and NH-53 has been temporarily relaxed from mid-day of 11th August 2005.

Criminal tendency among adolescents

†2433. SHRI AJYA MAROO:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the increasing criminal tendency among the adolescents;

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